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Pooling Connections Between Clients and Servers**  
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Sir:

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3. One (1) return postcard; and
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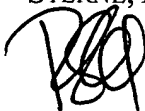
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